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RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR 1.111

Dear Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action mailed January 22, 1999,
please enter the following amendments. Reconsideration of this
application as amended is respectfully requested.

IN THE CLAIMS:

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1. (twice amended) A pharmaceutical composition,
comprising a chlorotoxin ligand which binds specifically to glial-
derived or meningioma-derived tumor cells and a pharmaceutically
acceptable carrier[, wherein said ligand is selected from the group
consisting of antibody which recognizes an antigen that is a glioma or
meningioma specific chloride channel and a chlorotoxin-like
compound].